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Crowds turn out as fair returns to town

Hundreds of people filled Northampton town centre this week for the St Crispin's Street Fair.

A total of 51 fairground rides and attractions including a 40-metre high thrill ride and a sling-shot bungee were constructed in Abington Street, the Market Square and Gold Street, as the event made its return to Northampton after eight years.

Despite some cold and rainy weather the fair, which ran from Sunday to Tuesday, attracted a large crowd of people of all ages on all three days.

Councillor Brandon Eldred, cabinet Member for Community Engagement, said: "We did not realise there would be so many big rides.

"The organisers have done a fantastic job to keep disruption to a minimum. The crowd is a lot bigger than expected and we have rides for people of all ages."

"It is nice to bring the fair back and give people another reason to come into the town centre."

Councillor David Mackintosh, leader of the council, said the council would review the success of the year's fair and then decide whether to make it a permanent fixture in the town calendar of events.

Councillor Mackintosh said: "We have been talking to all the shop owners in the town and listening and responding to any concerns they may have had about the fair being in town."



"We are trying to enhance the attraction of the town centre for people of all ages."

The organisation of the fair was carried out by Albert Evans and John Greatorex who booked fair-

ground rides from all over the country.

Mr Greatorex said: "We have got a lot of traditional rides for older people and then some thrill rides for the teenagers."

"We were disappointed when this street fair closed as it was one of the top five in the country. If this fair can continue being held we believe it could become the best in the country."

Mum in labour turned away from hospital

PARAMEDICS had to deliver a baby in a block of flats on Tuesday in Northampton 25 minutes after the mum was told she was not ready to give birth.

Giedre Uzukauskaite went into Northampton General Hospital at 1.15am on her due date but after an examination was sent home despite her painful contractions. Her waters broke three hours later with contractions very close together and she was driven to hospital again, expecting to be admitted.

However she said she was told she could not be examined again until four hours after the first one. She went home, to Northampton House in Wellington Street, at 5.15am and the baby, Gabriella, was born at 5.40am.

Miss Uzukauskaite said: "The contractions were every two minutes and I was in great pain yet there was apparently a policy saying nobody could be re-examined within four hours.

"The fact the evidence said the baby was coming should have overridden everything else.

"I had no pain relief and if the baby's father had not been here the paramedics could not have even gained access to the flatblock.

Sending me home was dangerous." An NGH spokesman said "We are sorry to hear that Ms Uzukauskaite is unhappy with the advice and care provided by Northampton General Hospital. We have contacted her to agree the terms of a formal complaint about her treatment, and we are now carrying out a full investigation into the concerns she has raised."

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The start of on site preparations for the £20m development of Northampton Railway Station with an archaeological dig within the area currently used for short-stay car parking. Back: Councillor Tim Hadland, Councillor Heather Smith, Councillor David Mackintosh and Roger Mendonca, chief operating officer for WNDC. Front: Pat Chapman, supervisor from Northamptonshire Archaeology and Andy Chapman, senior archaeologist from Northamptonshire Archaeology

Moving forward with regeneration projects

Key steps have been taken to push forward three major regeneration projects across Northampton.

Two Compulsory Purchase Orders (CPOs) have been initiated for land on the Avon, Nunn Mills, and St Peter's Waterside sites, which would free up both for redevelopment.

And an archaeological dig has been carried out at Northampton Station ahead of its £20 million redevelopment, to confirm the location of the

old Northampton Castle.

West Northamptonshire Development Corporation (WNDC) has initiated the two CPOs, the first for the Avon Nunn Mills site, a 20-hectare piece of land currently owned in part by Avon, Persimmon and Taylor Wimpey. An inquiry will start at Franklin's Gardens on November 13.

The University of Northampton is interested in building its new campus on the site, but at the moment no development is possible before a link road is built and this cannot

happen until the ownership of this section of road is resolved.

A previous deal to buy the land fell through because an agreement could not be reached with Persimmon and Taylor Wimpey.

WNDC says the order is "fundamental" to the site's redevelopment.

The second CPO is on a piece of land on the St Peter's Waterside development, which runs between the rail station and St Peter's Way roundabout. The inquiry into

this starts on November 20, also at Franklin's Gardens.

Decisions from the Government on both CPOs can take up to six months from the point the inquiries finish.

Council leader, Councillor David Mackintosh (Con, Rectory Farm), said: "We all need to work together to make sure these projects are delivered, including the relocation of the university site."

"It is important for the town's future. The CPOs are progressing as these things do."

Castle wall found in rail station dig

Remains of the walls of Northampton Castle have been discovered at an archaeological dig ahead of the £20 million redevelopment of the town's rail station.

Preparations for the development start tomorrow, and the dig was held to learn more about the building which once stood on the site.

Experts from Northamptonshire Archaeology dug a trench within the area currently used for short-stay car parking, and discovered part of an old stone

wall, a stone line drain and a late-Saxon pit.

Northampton Castle was situated on part of the current station site, but it is believed most remains were destroyed and displaced over time as the railway was developed.

Andy Chapman, senior archaeologist with Northamptonshire Archaeology, said: "We opened the trench yesterday and we are down on the cobbles of the old station yard."

"I didn't expect this level of preservation. It is really well preserved. The pottery

is medieval, it is exactly the right date. It is a really interesting find."

Located in the Northampton Enterprise Zone, the new station will be almost twice the size of the existing building, which is already at capacity during peak hours.

The detailed design will be finalised this year, with main construction works due to commence in 2013 and complete in 2014.

West Northamptonshire Development Corporation says it has shortlisted two contractors to carry out

the work.

Council leader, Councillor David Mackintosh, (Con, Rectory Farm) said: "We want to make sure as we move forward with the station, we respect the historical site."

"This was a very important part of Northampton's history, but also the country's."

"This is the entrance most people have to Northampton."

"It is not very inspiring and is pretty shabby. We want to create something iconic."

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The club are backing behind the annual appeal to raise awareness of men's health and support three charities, Prostate Cancer UK, The Institute of Cancer Research and the Movember Foundation.

Most first team players will take part, including Ben Foden, Dylan Hartley, Dom Waldouck, Paul Duggin, Calum Clark and Phil Dowson.

A Franklin's Gardens spokesman said: "Movember is something which the rugby community has embraced as a whole and here at the Saints it is no different. Last year we had a lot of fun although it was rather itchy. It's something we look forward to being part of again this year. It will be interesting and amusing to see

the look that our supporters and players come up with."

The Saints will host a bucket shake to collect funds for Movember on November 24 at their match against London Welsh.

Supporters for Movember this year will also include the Cobblers, Derngate gym and The Pictodrome pub.

Richard Boullemier, aged 33, from Boughton, helps to promote and run the charity appeal in Northampton.

He said: "I'm a Northampton boy so it's a real honour to have the Saints and Cobblers on board and rocking out their mos. Movember is about awareness, fundraising and having a bit of fun. I think the moustache is becoming the ribbon for men's health. Knowledge is power and the moustache is king."

He said the support in Northampton was great: "Some men shy away because they think they'll look daft, but every mous-



Phil Dowson of the Saints

tache counts, whether it's a bushy mo or a lame mo."

"I think the worst excuse we hear is that their girlfriends won't like it."

"Sometimes you need to man up and grow one. My dad Tony had a cracking tash back in the day, so we're going Mo to Mo this Movember and will let my mum Marie and sister Kerry judge the winner."

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Joe, aged 32, of Kingsthorpe Grove, Northampton, and dad Mike, aged 54, who lives in West Yorkshire, set up their company GreenBase 14 months ago.

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Joe said: "The show hasn't done us any harm at all, but it's off the back of 18 months' hard work."

"Some people thought I was daft. They know exactly what

I am like and what my father is like, so they are not that surprised. It was always going to be a 'no', but I was going to be a bit more nice about it than my dad."

"Long-term the plan is to consolidate in the UK and push into Europe, then attack the US and Australia."

Speaking about the show, Joe explained his tactics.

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£52m 90-bed psychiatric hospital to open by 2014



A £52million programme will see a new 90-bed psychiatric hospital up and running on the site of a former Northampton school within two years.

St Andrew's Healthcare, the UK's largest mental health charity, will have the new facility operating by the end of 2014 on the Cliftonville Middle School site which closed eight years ago.

It is the central part of an overall development that will also see the former planning offices of Northampton Borough Council, Cliftonville House, transformed into an administrative headquarters for the charity while the adjacent Nene Centre will be refurbished as a training centre for staff.

The new hospital will have 400 staff working there and the project is likely to create up to 200 jobs in all areas from specialist doctors and nurses to occupational therapists and other healthcare posts.

Professor Philip Sugarman, chief executive at St Andrew's said: "These developments will strengthen our position as the UK's leading provider of specialist care and as the country's only independent national teaching hospital."

He said the new hospital would be catering for relatively low-level psychiatric patients, adding to the existing care which St Andrew's provides across a wide spectrum, including the treatment of mental illness, autism, brain injuries and elderly care.

He said: "The work at Cliftonville is projected to be finished and ready to go by the end of 2014 by which time there will be about 3,000 people working full and part-time post at the site."

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'I'm not the same person anymore'

A student who was left fighting for her life after the Lava & Ignite crush says she is "not the same person" a year after the tragedy.

Abigail Atakora, aged 22, from south east London, travelled to Northampton on the fateful night last October from her university home in Canterbury, where she is doing a degree in early childhood studies.

She paid £15 for a ticket and coach for the Wickedest Wickedest night, held at the St Peter's Way nightclub, on October 18.

As she tried to collect her coat at the end of the night she was caught up in the crush of people that claimed the life of Nabila Nanfuka, aged 22, and Laurene-Danielle Jackson, aged 19.

Abigail was left in Northampton General Hospital for 10 days, lay unconscious for more than two of them.

One year on, she still suffers from bouts of depression, memory loss, panic attacks, as well as migraines and hip and chest pains. She has not been to a large nightclub since.

She said: "I've been out since, but I haven't been to a place like Lava & Ignite with that capacity.

"I don't want to go to a place like that and have something hap-



pen so I am just taking care of myself.

"I'm not the same person I was last year."

Asked about the night, she said: "I can't remember anything. I can't remember having fun or not."

"I know I was taking pictures because I got my camera back and the photos were still on it."

"I took pictures of my friends and of myself and I remember lining up at the cloakroom waiting for my jacket and as I was waiting I looked over to my left and I saw some people from my uni leaving and I told them I'm coming."

"People were shouting in my ear and then people started moving around and shifting. I was used to it because the clubs I was used to going to were busy."

"But I didn't even get to the front of the cloakroom. People coming out of the club were trying to get through the people at the cloakroom."

"Everyone started pushing and then I started getting pushed. I was used to people pushing, but the pressure was not normal."

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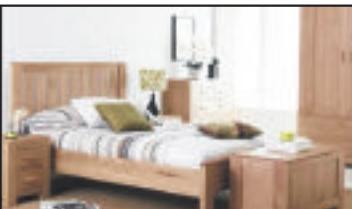
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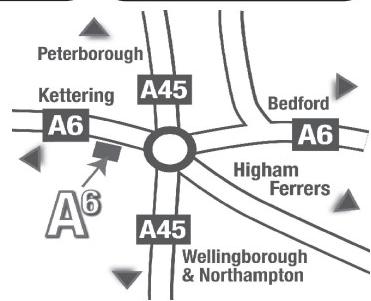
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The annual Northamptonshire Business Summit took place at Kettering Conference Centre, featuring a keynote speech from 1992 Olympic

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Hosted by Northamptonshire Enterprise Partnership (NEP), the event also launched a new round of funding, worth more than £260,000, aimed at supporting growth in small and medium-sized enterprises.

The INV-ENT initiative will support the creation of 80 jobs and 40 apprenticeships in the county.

Paul Southworth, chairman of NEP, said: "The key message is we are open for business and bucking the national trend."

"There is a lot of energy optimism and confidence for business here."

"Thanks to the core funding from the county council, we have been able to launch projects which have supported the creation of more than

1,000 jobs and we have attracted 10 new businesses through inward investment."

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"We have leveraged £6 million of public funding and £6 million of private money and add to that the Northampton Alive project and the regeneration project for the town

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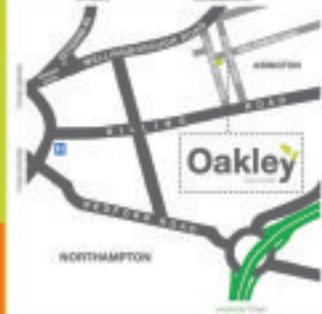
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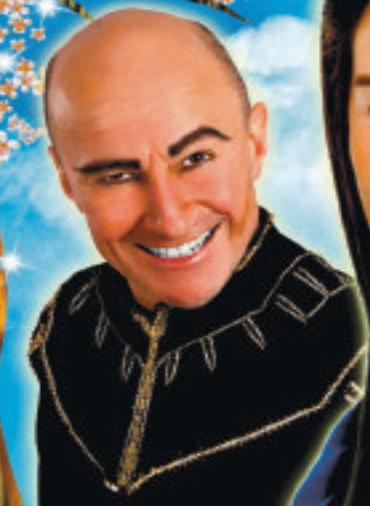
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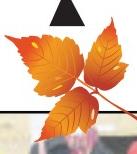
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It is not the season to be afraid of colour for men or women as the collections create a contemporary urban feel for winter. Young Fashion is all about mixing vintage shapes and prints covered by chunky, warm and colourful knits as seen here in this collection from Therapy (Available from young fashion 1st Floor House of Fraser).



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Autumn fashion



Miss Selfridge

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Our Two main trends for October/November are Dark Angel and Baroque.

Dark Angel is a rock look with gothic lace mixed with studding and embellishment. Head to toe storm cloud colours, crucifix motifs and Victorian shirts lend themselves to a moody romantic vibe.

Baroques key silhouettes are peplum and skater skirts. The wine stained plums and gold embellishment help make this a lavish trend.



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This Autumn's trend is influenced by the quilted look! Step into Burtons for a range of quilted shirts, hoodies and jackets.



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This year for Republic its all comes down to three trends for women, Gothic Military and Coco. With gothic it's all about releasing your dark side and giving it a glamorous twist. Use acid wash prints and leather to see you through the whole day. Attention to detail is key studs and chunky gold chains are a must. Military is about clashing classic army jackets with florals and sequins to give that girly edge. Team your outfit with chunky boots and your good to go. Coco took its inspiration from coco chanel herself, monochrome is key with houndstooth and polka dot prints throughout team with frilly socks and pearls and your screaming french inspired. For the lads its the classic preppy look with an outdoor ready twist. We use classic cable knits, check shirts and gilets with heavy denim. To achieve this finish with bobble knit hats and desert boots. The other key trend comes from our brand Fabric paying homage to a street style with a musical inspiration from Rizzle Kicks and Pro Green. Slogan tees and camouflage detail is the key to get this right. Use snapbacks, chukka boots and our take on the parka jacket to finish. Republic has it all so why not pay us a visit where we will be happy to help or follow us @republicofntown for the latest news and trends.



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Police welcome drop in number of complaints against officers

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The Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC) figures show the number of complaints made against police officers up and down the country.

As reported in the Chron in May, Northamptonshire Police recorded 376 complaints against officers, compared with 535 the previous year. The figures represent a 30 per cent fall. Just 14 forces had fewer complaints in the last 12 months.

Wootton Hall bosses have hailed the reduction as “more than three times the national average across England and Wales”.

It comes after a 42 spike in complaints

two years ago, and an 11 fall last year.

Chief Inspector Mark Taylor, from the Professional Standards Department, said: “Since August 2011 we have further improved our service by adapting our processes to record complaints in just 24 hours, not the national average of 10 days, as we feel this better meets the needs of our public – this is a significant step for us and our communities.

However, the fall comes after a 42 per cent increase was recorded just one year earlier which officers claimed was because of confrontational police tactics and an easier system to make and register complaints.

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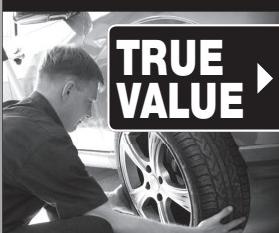
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Cost of renting a home could rise, says new report

The cost of renting a house in parts of Northamptonshire could increase by more than almost anywhere else in the country, according to a new report.

Figures contained in Home Truths 2012, compiled by the National Housing Federation, have revealed that between 2012 and 2020, rents in the region are predicted to rise by more than half (53 per cent), with the average monthly rent moving from £511 in 2012 to £784 in 2020.

South Northamptonshire is expected to see the greatest increase of anywhere in the East

Midlands.

Chris Hobson, East Midlands lead manager for the National Housing Federation, said: "It's crunch time for the housing market.

House prices and rents are set to rocket across Northamptonshire and the wider East Midlands and many families are already really struggling to afford their home, so the situation's just going to get much worse."

"A whole generation is now at risk of being priced out of renting a home, let alone buying one and that has a huge impact on people's lives.

"Being unable to afford the

homes they need stops people from moving for work and it even deters young couples from starting families."

The report claims that years of not building enough homes has led to rising rental and house prices, leaving thousands of families struggling to pay for their home.

The National Housing Federation has called on the Government and the whole housing industry to take a long-term joined-up approach to tackle the market difficulties and release publicly-owned brownfield land to housing associations so they can build more houses.

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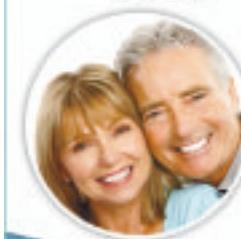
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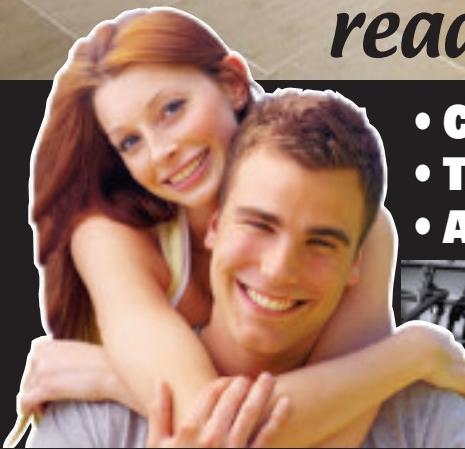
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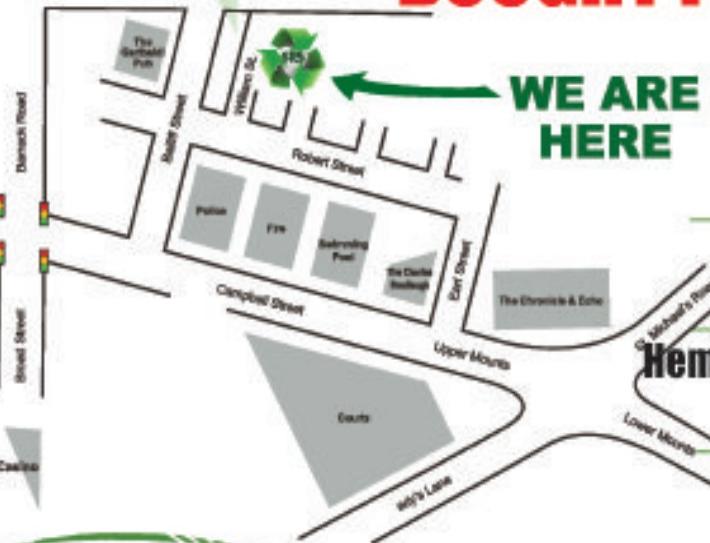
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The car in question is the latest VW Golf, seventh in a line that stretches back 38 years and more than 29 million cars. So yes, you could say getting the Golf right is important for the people in the design department.

And everyone within Volkswagen itself, for that matter. A quarter of all new VWs sold in Europe are Golfs. In Britain it's more still; almost one in three.

No wonder VW treads carefully

when it's time for a new one (it arrives here in January). To many eyes this latest Golf (Mk VII) is the best looking of the lot and still very obviously a Golf.

Back to the same designer quoted above: it's important you can tell you're looking at a Golf (any Golf) from 200 yards away. It's a marketing virtue enjoyed by few other cars, with the Porsche 911 and Range Rover on our designer's short list.

Volkswagen is proud of lots of its new baby's vital features, but cutting up to 100 kilos from a car that's longer and wider than before – and rather roomier for people and luggage – is top of the list.

This slimming regime means better performance, improved economy

and lower emissions. A useful 23 kilos, the weight of a well-stuffed holiday suitcase, has been shaved from the body alone, but VW says clever design has left it stronger and safer than ever.

Among the safety upgrades are brakes that slow the vehicle after a collision (when the driver might be occupied elsewhere) to minimize the risk of a second impact. Buy a posher version and it will bang on the brakes by itself if it detects an impending low-speed collision.

There are, in fact, a host of safety and luxury features offered that have been drawn from cars in the class above, including adaptive cruise control that keeps a set distance to the vehicle ahead and suspension

with five driver-selected settings.

And talking of suspension, this new Golf rides quite beautifully, subtly levelling out the sometimes bumpy Sardinian roads chosen to show off the newcomer.

Add in a quality interior that makes you wonder why anyone would choose a dearer new Audi A3 (a fine car in its latest guise, but a new Golf underneath) when they go shopping for a classless hatchback.

The new Golf goes on sale here in January, costing from £16,330 for the entry level 1.2 litre S to £24,625 for the range-topping GT 2.0 litre TDI 150 with the quite excellent DSG automatic gearbox.

It took only a very few miles in both a 1.4 litre petrol and 2.0 litre

diesel to reveal a car that's instant five-star material.

The 1.4 petrol impressed with plenty of punch and you'd never know that two of the engine's four cylinders close down on light throttle openings to save fuel.

You can hear the engine more in the diesel, but it's a distant sporty hum that adds to the drive rather than proving a noisy distraction.

Neither car has quite the nimble enthusiasm for a corner you'll find in a Focus, but they feel so grown up and polished you don't want the journey to end.

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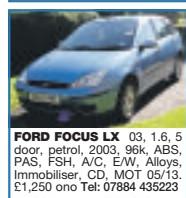
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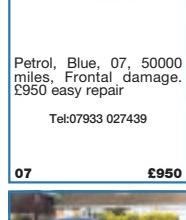
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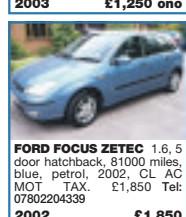
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The 24-year-old frontman has undergone an operation to insert a pin in his tibia after suffering a double compound fracture of his left leg.

He was on the receiving end of a desperate late lunge from Port Vale skipper John McCombe as he scored the Cobblers' opening goal in Saturday's 2-0 win over high-flying Port Vale.

The operation was a success and he also underwent a delicate skin graft procedure at Northampton General Hospital on Monday afternoon.

Just hours after the skin graft he tweeted to say: "Just recovering from my second operation. I am overwhelmed with the calls, messages and tweets and I can't thank you all enough. I am feeling very tired at

the minute but will speak to you all soon."

Nicholls was joined at the hospital on Saturday afternoon by his parents, partner and young daughter, who had all been at Sixfields to watch the game, only to see him lay motionless in the penalty area for 12 minutes

and receive treatment from medical teams before leaving the ground in an ambulance.

Meanwhile, Port Vale boss Micky Adams hit out at referee Richard Clark for the part the official played in Saturday's surprise defeat.

Clark angered Adams with his decision to send off skipper McCombe for the late challenge on Nicholls.

He was also angry at the decision not to award his side a penalty at the end of the first half when Joe Widadowson tangled with Ashley Vincent in the box.

Cobblers fans behind the goal were insistent there was no contact but the Valiants were left fuming at the decision, sparking a 20-man melee as the

whistle blew for the interval. Adams said: "The red card incident completely changed the game. We were always chasing the game after that incident.

"I thought we should have had a penalty at the end of the first half, it was a blatant penalty. I really don't want to have a go at referees, but I don't think he will look back at this game with any great pleasure."

Clark also angered the home fans when he inexplicably ruled out Anthony Charles' header, from a long Ben Tozer throw-in.

With Cobblers 2-0 up at half time against 10 men, hopes were high for a goal glut in the second period, but it never materialised as a resilient Vale dug deep and frustrated the home side.

Adams said: "I was delighted with our second half performance. We had problems centre half wise and our backs were against the wall, but I was absolutely thrilled with the performance in the second half."



LATE LUNGE – John McCombe

Top four finish still the target

JIM MALLINDER denies he is worried about Saints' ability to finish in the Aviva Premiership top four – despite seeing them lose their past two league games.

Mallinder's men suffered a 16-6 defeat to rivals Saracens on Saturday, failing to convert possession into points as Mark McCall's side held out.

The loss added to the woe endured at London Irish earlier in the month, when Saints put in a shocking performance and were thrashed 39-17.

Despite those back-to-back defeats, Northampton still occupy a spot in the play-off places, sitting fourth ahead of this weekend's east midlands derby at Leicester Tigers.

And Mallinder said: "I'm not worried about long term future. You always look at the season and when you've got Saracens and Leicester next to each other then it's always a big ask for the squad.

"I'm disappointed but we've been playing some good rugby recently and we're not a long way off."

Brackley lead way

STEVE DIGGIN bagged both goals as Brackley Town regained top spot in Blue Square Bet North following Monday's 2-1 victory at Worcester City.

In a first half of few chances, Diggin turned home Owen Story's cross to give the visitors a 16th-minute lead.

A flurry of goalmouth activity at the end of the half saw Glenn Walker's goal bound shot hit his own player and City's Tom Thorley hit a fierce free-kick that Billy Turley gathered gratefully at the second attempt.

The hosts grabbed the equaliser 10 minutes after the restart direct from a corner through a defensive gaffe, the goal credited to Greg Mills.

Owen Story's 63rd-minute free-kick crashed onto the bar as both sides sought the crucial third goal and it was Saints who conjured it with 14 minutes remaining.

Fine work on the right by Walker found Diggin on the by-line in the danger zone. Diggin turned two defenders and fired home from a tight angle high into the roof of the net beyond keeper Glynn Thompson.

